

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

**Title of Publication:** Ball Bangers

**Other Known Title:** Not Stated

**Format:** DVD

**Director/Author:** Not Stated

**Producer/Publisher:** Not Stated

**Country of Origin:** United States

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.

**Distributor:** Vixen Wholesale Limited

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive Note:** Not Applicable

**Display Conditions:** Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:** 29 January 2008

**Date of direction to issue a label:** Not Applicable

**OFLC No:** 702905

**Unexcised version of publication:**

	Components	Running time
<b>Menu:</b>	Play Feature Chapter Selection	
<b>Feature:</b>	Ball Bangers	297.01
<b>Other timed components:</b>	FBI Warning / Records Notices	0.10
<b>Total running time:</b>		297.11

**Excisions:** No Excisions Recommended

**Reasons for excisions:**

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons  
for classification:**

The publication is classified as objectionable primarily because of the extent and degree of its degrading, dehumanising and demeaning material.

The publication is a DVD comprising a feature that depicts intense sexually explicit activity between men and women. The feature's most problematic material is the extensively degrading oral intercourse, in which women are repeatedly choked and issued commands by the men to "take it down." The availability of a publication that displays this type of activity is likely to be injurious to the public good given the encouragement it gives to a (male) audience to find women's degradation sexually arousing. Frequent viewing of this material by some people is likely to encourage a misogynistic attitudinal shift.

In this instance the offering of excisions were considered unsuitable due to the high extent of the problematic material. This classification interferes with the freedoms set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but the outcome is a reasonable limitation, and consistent with Parliament's intention. It reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the availability of publications that are likely to be injurious to the public good for reasons specified under s3(3) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.